ORIGIN OF THE CUSTOM OF HANG-ING OUT SIGNS.

Figubourds in Ancient Times Some Carlons

English Comb nations How Striped

Poles Cama to be Used for Barber Shops.

The sigaboard was the earliest kind of alvertising practiced, and was in us: at a very ancient time. Whose bright intellect first hit upon the idea is not known, but its use dates back to the time when men began to trale and dicker. The lithe nilotic-looking trad- a pawnbroker establishment are part ers of ancient Thebes and Memphis of the ancient coat of arms of Lomwere adepts in the science of signboards, as were also the lean, bearded, turbaned Assyrian and Babylonian. This was at least two thousand years

The first signboards were nothing more than pictures of the goods sold within. When the large mass of people could not read, it was necessary for shopkeepers and traders to call the attention of customers by some rude devise. If a man kept sandals and shoes for sale a representation of a sandal, Monthly. hung above the door, announced the So, if he were a fishmonger or a jeweler, he simply hung out a wooden fish or a pair of scales. In the buried cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum many of these signboards have been found. A baker's sign at l'ompeii represented an ass bearing a huge loaves of bread in that city were stamped with this uncouth device.

During the middle ages shops and signs imaginable. Even as late as the time of Addison a writer in the Spe ta-tor complained of the streets being "filled with blue boars, black swans and red liens." The same writer, in speaking of the singular combinations to be met with, says: "The fox and the goose may be supposed to have met; but what has the fox and the seven stars to do together? And when did the lamb and dolphin ever meet, except upon a signpost?"

Some of these curious combinations came about in a way that was natural enough. For instance, a glover who sold gloves at the Sign of the Angel, wishing to indicate the kind of goods he sold, took for his sign a rather chunky angel grasping a long glove ticular shop, people confounded the who had served out his time and was setting up in business for himself, would add the sign of the master apprenticeship at a shop called the Three Nuns, chose a hare for his device, and adde I it to his master's signs. which thus be a ne the Three Nuns and a Hare, a most absurd combina-

or of the great man of the neighborafter them. The Somerset Arms, the arms, which, as is well known, has for travelers would designate it by the individual names of the supporters, and in time the King's Arms would give place to the Lion and Unicorn. In the same manner the Warwickshire Arms became the Bear and Ragged Sta 7, and the Gloucestershire Arms the Boar's Head.

Again, the tenant or dependent of a house bearing a lion gules for its crest, in ad pting the crest as the sign of his shop or iun, as the most natural thing in the world, would translate the heraldic term literally, and paint a red lien upon his sign board. This ac-counts for all the White Bulls, Blue Boars, Black Swans, Golden Eagles, and other fanciful names which any one who has taken up an old English book must have stumbled acros.

Some of the old innke pers and ale sellers were in the habit of emb llishing their signs with bits of doggerel verse, some of which are very curious. One of these gentlemen, who had opened an alchouse in the neighborgood of four others called respe tivey the Bear, the Angel, the Ship, and he Three Cups, wrote under his sign :

"My White Horse shall bite the Bear, And m. ks the Angel fly; Shall turn the Ship her bottom up, And drink the Three Cups day,"

The sign of the Fox at a country inn bore the following quaint inscription :

"I ham a cunen Fox You see. Ther his No harm attached To me. It is my Mrs. Wish to plane me Hore, to let you no He sells good Beere."

An innke per of Warwickshire, who was determined that the public should not complain for any reminder of the scriptural text, wrote as follows under

"Stop, brave boys, and quench your thirst; If you won't drink, your horses murst." The invitation, if not the rhyme, must have compelled assent.

The use of signboards at present is mostly confined to inns and public houses. Their reign has passed away, with many of the other pretty but inconvenient customs of a rude age. There are some notable exceptions, however. Striped poles are still used as signs for barbers' shops. The origin of these date back to the time when the barbers were also the professed chirurgeons, or blood-letters. Formerly blood-letting was the common remedy for almost every disease. When a patient was desirous of being bl dhe went to his barber, who made him grasp a pole during the operation planted in 1816 and the other in 1856. to the family.

as that was supposed to make the blood run more freely. This pole was painted red, so that the blood stains might not show so much. When not being used it was hung outside of the door, and the linen bandages employed in the operation were sometimes twist ed around it to dry. In this way a striped pole came to be re ognize a as the regular sign of a barber's shop. At one time it was the fashion for barbers to put out a blue and white pole, while surgeons used a red and white one.

The three gilded balls which denote bardy, where the first bankers origi-nated. In the old time bankers were accustomed to advance money on valuables, and thus were gradually transformed into pawnbrokers. The balls were formerly painted a blue color. The colored lights in the windows of apothecaries are a reminiscence of the days when street-lamps were unknown, and those who did business at night must notify the public of the in this manner.—Baldwin's

Modern Cranks.

United States District Attorney Corkhill, of Washington, recently delivered an address before the Medico-Legal society in New York, upon "Insanity as a Defense for Crime." He first quoted many leading physicians cruet, which would be mysterious to show that modern scientific men, enough if we did not know that the both in America and in Europe, define insanity as a disease. That which had been called moral insanity, he said, had no scientific recognition, and inns were designated by the quaintest should never be countenanced in a court of justice. A jury should be specially chosen to try a prisoner whose defense was insanity. If he should be found insane, he should be confined in an insane asylum for a certain time, commensurate with the character of his crime. Continuing, Mr. Corkhill spoke as follows:

It is the most astounding fact in the whole history of the administration of criminal jurisprudence, that within the past few years, nurtured by the vagaries and senseless theories of medical men on the subject, and supported by the testimony of socalled experts, almost every criminal, when arraigned, offers insanity as his defen e, assured that he will have the assistance and support of medical or gauntlet. In referring to this par- authors and experts. And, as a cons quence, we have had just as many sign of the shop with the picture of different kinds of insanity as we have the goods sold within, and termed it had crimes. But there is a class well the "Angel and Glove." In the same known, and recognized in every comway we have the Lamb and Breeches, munity, who by their erratic character, the Negro and Comb, and the Lion their vanity, their egotistical declara-and Shoe. Sometimes an apprentice, tions, crowd themselves into every association, and by their arrogant assumption become prominent. They are not always men who wear long hair, under whom he had learned his trade nor women who wear short hair. You to that which he chose for himself. have them in your society, unless the One young man, who had served his press misreports some of your discussions. They are doctors without patients, lawyers without clients and ministers without parishes. Without ever having done an honest day's toil, they crowd themselves into labor and trade organizations, and assume to be Innkeepers very often put up for representative men. An lyet they are signs the coa's of arms of their patrons the true representative traitors, murrepresentative men. And yet they are derers, thieves and scoundrels of comgood, and their houses would be called munities, and when one of them commits a crime the entire race of vaga-Norfolk Arms, etc. The King's Arms bonds join in the clamor for their exwas naturally a great favorit, and was emption from punishment on the represented by the English coat of ground of in anity. There has been a word coined of late years to designate

Making a Magnet of a Snake.

William Riffert, a telegraph operator at Dauphin, Penn., says a four-foot black snake came down off the mountains the other day, straggle! into the office, and coolly coiled itself upon his table while he was out. On his return it began darting out its tongue, but showed no disposition to move. He got a piece of copper wire, fastened one end to the battery, then stretched it a ros the snake's tail. Another wire was stretched in front of the snake in such a way as to annoy it. The next time it darted out its tongue it touched the wire, receiving a terrible shock. This made it so mad that it grabbed the wire in its mouth and could not let go. The battery was shaken up, and the snake began a series of gyrations never before seen on any stage. When killed its body was so magnetized that nails and pieces of railroad iron stuck to it.

A Desperate Suicide. A recent suicide at Charleroi, Belgium, was most terrible. A young clerk at a bank there had been arrested for having forged and cashed a check for 20,000 francs on the bank. An uncle of his, a clerk in the same bank, was so much affected by the event that he resolved to commit suicide with his wife and two children. They first tried to open their veins, and then to suffocate themselves, and, finally, they threw them-selves into the cistern. One of the children, a little boy, escaped, and called the neighbors. The wife was found dead, and her daughter mortally wounded, while the man, who was saved, disappeared, and it was believed that he had drowned himself.

Welcomed Home,

He arrived home from Europe a day ortwo ago. He hadn't the least idea that any one would turn out to welcome him, and his surprise can therefore be imagined when he reached the Central depot to hear a hurrah and to see thirty or forty different persons pressing forward to shake hands. "My dear fel-low townsmen, I-1-," he began, as he removed his hat, but he suddenly restored it to his head and made a rush for the side door. They were a'l bill collectors.—Detroit Free Pres :

A single apple orchard of eleven acres, near Seneca Falls, N. Y., has produced in the past twelve years \$12,848. One-half the orchard was

SELECT SIFTINGS.

In China corpulence is the symbol alike of social and spiritual 'istinction. All their gods are represented as enormously fat.

Five va'uable horses standing under a tree at Erie, Penn., were killed by lightning, the only mark upon them being melted shoes.

According to a German legend, from the grave of one unjustly executed lilies spring as a token of his innocence, and from that of a maiden three lilies, which no one save her lover may gather

It has been demonstrated at the Washington (Penn.) furnace that it takes an hour longer to burn up a big man than a little one. A corpse weighing 275 pounds was the subject of experiment.

The champion gran lfather's clock is owned at Branchville, N. J. It was made in Germany by a man who died in 1650. In 1868 it was fitted up at the Branchville station to keep time for the Sus ex railroad, and did service there for two years. It maks seconds, minutes, hour and the days of the months.

When some curious penman succeeded in writing 1,200 words on a postal card it was thought to be a feat difficult to surpass in that direction, but William B. Stuart, of Philadelphia, has copied upon a postal card an article from the Public Ledger containing 1,536 words legibly enough to be read by those having exceptionally keen evesight.

Nothing that should now be done with paper would cause much surprise. Pails, tuts, table-ware. floor-matting, car-wheels, railroad ties, houses and observatory domes are no longer novelties, and now a steamboat male almost entirely of paper has been built. It is twenty feet long and can carry several tons. The sheathing is of solid paper three-eighths of an inch thick.

Phila lelphia has a dog that cats ice cream. It is a Skye terrier belonging to a police sergeant, who shares his cream with his pet, of which he is very proud. He exhibited her ac omplishments the other day, remarking: She knows when it's her turn. You can't fool her. Watch." The sergeant took a spoonful himself and threw another on the floor. The morsel had hardly touched the word before it was snatched up. One spoonful for the sergeant and one for Nell was the order, until the sergeant purposely missed count, and then the beast set up a hideous barking as a reminder.

A Singular Plant.

One of the most interesting and curious plants of which we have any knowledge, says the Floral Calinet, grows in India. It is one of the Pitcherplant family, the Dischida Rattesiana. It creeps with a long, twining stem, which is destitute of leaves until near its summit. This stem may ex-ten! a bundre! feet or more from the roots. It would seem that both the length of stem and the fewness of the leaves would make it difficult for the flow of sap to be maintained.

However this may be, whatever may be the possibilities of nature in this direc ion fir the plant, we perceive a curious provision by which it is largely independent of its ground roots gither for moisture or feed. Along the stem we find suspended long cylindrical vessels, apparently formed of are the Chr lithion. Try them and see for supporters a lion and unicorn. Not these people, and they are called cranks, unfrequently, in speaking of the house. each other, and adherent, with an open mouth. These commonly contain water gathered from rain and dew, and form a trap for ants and insects, which go there to quench their thirst, but find an untimely grave.

The decay of these forms a nutritive fluid, from which the plant might feed if it only had a way of reaching .t with its roots. Rootlet; spring from the stem and enter the vessel to drink and feed from a fluid a cunning instinct has contrived. We are almost tempted to say the genius of this plant is superior to its morals. There is no innocence in laying a trap for the poor fellow who seeks your spring for a drink, and drowning him and eating

The Talkative Man Squelchel.

"Yes," said Fogg, who had grown weary listening to the talkative man; "there was old Uncle Jerry, more'n ninety years old, and he never wore a pair o' spectacles in his life," "Sho!" exclaimed the talkative

"Fact," persisted Fogg; "and what's more, he could see just as well the day he died as ever he could.

"Ain't you just stretching that a little, mister?" asked the talkative man.

"Not a bit," sail Fogg, "but per-haps I ought to mention that Uncle Jerry was blind from his birth."

The talkative man looked as though he wished he was dead. He didn't have another word to say during the evening, and when he thought nobody was looking he took the first opportunity to start for home .- Boston Transcript.

An Interesting Table.

The following table shows the proportion of homes to population in the

cities named:		
Population, 1880.	No. of ducellings.	Persons to a dwelling
Philadelphia, 817.1 0	1:6.412	5.79
New Orleans, 215,00)	36,347	5.95
Baltimore 3 2,313	50,833	6.54
San Francisco 283,959	34,110	6.86
St. Louis 250,518	43,026	8.15
Chicago 5 33,185	61,039	8.24
Boston 362,839	43,944	8:26
Brooklyn 566,663	62,233	9.11
Cincinnati 255,139	28,017	9.11
New York 1,206,219	73,854	16.37
As a "City of H		iladelphi

takes the lead. Eleven days after a girl babe had been born to a painter's wife in Hazle-ton, Penn., she resume ther household dutier for a day and then added a boy

Rescued from Agonizing Death.

NEW YORK .- Mr. James White, 1552 Broadway, formerly chief instruc-tor in Dickels' Riding School, in this city, said to a newspaper reporter: broke my shoulder, arm and elbow, splitting the socket in four parts. kheamatism set in and I employed the best physician. He tried everything, but I grew worse, and at last he said: 'I have one more thing to try, and if that fails nothing can give you relief, and that is St. Jacobs Oil. I used this great pain reliever, and am able to use my arm, free from all rheumatic trouble. I have also recommended the remedy to a number of people, and in every case they have been speedily und effectually cured.'

A barn in Butte county, Colorado, is capacious enough to hold 4,000 tons of hay and shelter 1,400 head of

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Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.: Deac Sir—I wish to state that my daughter, aged eighteen, was pronounced incurable and was tast failing, as the doctors thought, with consumption. I o'stained a half dozen bottles of your "Golden Medical Discovery" for her and she commenced improving at once, and is now well and strong. Very truly yours,

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roduce a coolness. Tampico, Tenn.—Rev. D. F. Manly says: "Brown's Iron Bitters relieved me of indi-gestion and nervousness after physicians failed,"

When is a clock on the stairs dangerous?

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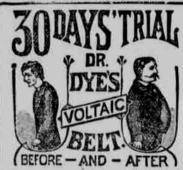
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